

The proposed project is the temporary staging of equipment and materials at Point Lonely. Point Lonely (Air Force deactivated DEW Line/North Warning Radar POW-1) is located on the Beaufort Sea coast on the northern edge of the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area within the NPR-A. The Air Force is overseeing current cleanup operations at Point Lonely led by their contractor BEM. Caelus proposed barging activity would occur from the date that USAF and contractor have completed the cleanup at Point Lonely (approximately August 24, 2015) until October 1, 2015. The equipment and material would remain staged at Point Lonely until a snow road is constructed which would be used to transport the equipment and material to an area near Lake 364, anticipated to occur (under a different authorization) in December, 2015 – January, 2016. Caelus proposes to access Camp Lonely and Point Lonely by marine barge and Point Lonely by aircraft and to use Point Lonely as a staging site. Caelus anticipates that 30-40 barge trips will be required to transport 250 loads of equipment and material to Point Lonely from West Dock at Prudhoe Bay. Each barge trip is a 3-day round trip voyage, depending on weather. There will be 3 barges transporting equipment and supplies for Caelus. Due to erosion on the beach in front of Point Lonely, some barge loads would need to be lightered prior to landing. Caelus proposes to land those loaded barges that are too heavy to land at Point Lonely at Camp Lonely (and remove and temporarily stage portions of the load at the existing Camp Lonely gravel pad, then land the barge at Point Lonely, offload the remaining load, return to Camp Lonely with the empty barge, retrieve the balance of the loads, and transport them to Pt. Lonely. Barge loads that do not require lightering will travel directly from West Dock to Point Lonely for unloading. Barging activities will conclude by October 1, 2015 (the date required by the Conflict Avoidance Agreement Caelus has with the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission).